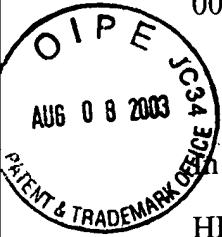


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In re Application of:

HIDEKI MATSUMOTO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/826,171

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CARTRIDGE, AND AN ELECTROPHOTO-
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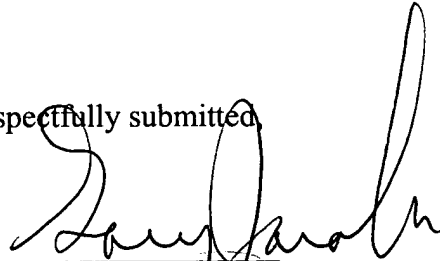
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Sir:

Enclosed is a June 27, 2003 a Chinese Office Action issued in a foreign counterpart application. The reference cited therein is not being submitted herewith because it was already cited in the Office Action of June 19, 2002. Applicants request that this document be placed in the official file of this case.

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